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Replace the last paragraph beginning at line 18 on page 10 with the following new paragraph:

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The compositions of the present invention are either unvulcanized or vulcanized using any of the prior established vulcanizing agents such as peroxides, polyols, polyamines, etc. The peroxide vulcanizing agent includes, for example, dicumylperoxide, 2, 5-dimethyl-2, 5-di (t-butylperoxy) hexyne-3, etc. The polyol vulcanizing agent includes, e.g., .hexafluoroisopropylidene-bis (4-hydroxyphenyl) hydroquinone, isopropylidene-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl), or the like. The polyamine vulcanizing agent includes, e.g., hexamethylenediamine carbamate, alicyclic diamine carbamate, etc. The amount of vulcanizing agent employed is generally that which is customarily used in the art. Typically, about 0.5 to 10% vulcanizing agent is employed depending on the vulcanizing agent.

A marked-up copy of the changes made in the specification is attached as a separate page entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made"

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~1-20~~ and add new claims 21-34 as follows:

21. A method of producing a flexible hose construction comprising the steps of:
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— (a) forming an inner tube by extruding a layer of an elastomeric material;  
(b) extruding a barrier layer comprising a blend of fluoropolymers onto said tube;  
(c) applying a layer of reinforcing fibers onto said barrier layer to form a reinforced tube;  
and  
(d) extruding a protective cover layer onto said barrier reinforced tube, wherein said blend of fluoropolymers comprises a blend of a first fluoropolymer with a second fluoropolymer, said